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Applicant(s)	Heath et al.	AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 15, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

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1. A cap and vessel comprising:
a threaded cap having a non-circular cap flange; and
a threaded vessel having a non-circular vessel flange of substantially the same shape as the cap flange, wherein the threaded cap is secured to the threaded vessel when the cap flange and vessel flange are aligned.

18. A method for sealing a vessel, comprising the steps of:
placing a threaded cap having a non-circular cap flange on a threaded vessel having a corresponding non-circular vessel flange; and
securing the threaded cap to the threaded vessel a first time by rotating the threaded cap in one direction, the threaded cap secured to the threaded vessel when the cap flange and vessel flange are aligned.

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The following documents are enclosed:	
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